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The Sustainable Energy Program gets a Wind Boost

by Lori Leahy

The Mat-Su College Sustainable Energy program has been given a wind turbine for use as an in-class demo. In spring of 2014 some wind turbines were available for donation by Renewable Energy Systems (RES) in Anchorage to a qualified institution. Mark Masteller, the program director, received notice from the Alaska Energy Authority that RES was looking to get out of the wind business and had several turbines to donate.

Masteller happened to be looking for a turbine to use as a demo model in his Sustainable Energy program here at the college. What he hoped to find was a small, residential turbine that could be mounted at eye level so students could get hands-on experience assembling and disassembling it, to understand how it functions. RES had just that to give away, and so a union was made. By summer of 2014, Mat-Su College had been chosen to receive the $6,000.00 wind turbine and a small tower upon which to mount it. Once it had been delivered, a set of wheels was also mounted to make the classroom demonstrator mobile.

The turbine, which now sits in the Sustainable Energy Program classroom here on campus, is a typical residential size model, with nine-foot rotors. It is arm height for easy access for the students and portable. Masteller says, "it worked out perfectly, it is the perfect size for using in a classroom as the students can easily see how it works and take it apart." It can also be broken down to easily fit into a four-foot long box if Masteller needs to take it anywhere.

Several other turbines were also donated by RES; one large unit along with a tower went to the Palmer Musk-Ox Farm, as well as one or two units to UAF.

A Bit about the College Sustainable Energy Program…

Mat-Su College already had a large wind turbine, but Masteller is excited about the addition of the new, smaller wind turbine to the Sustainable Energy department. He says the class numbers for the program have been slowly increasing. Masteller sees many students in the "non-traditional" age bracket taking sustainable energy classes for their own home energy usage know-how.

With the cost of fuel

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PI DAY EVENT

On April 15th, the Mat-Su College Math Club held its first-ever Pi Day. Intended as a both a fund-raiser and a way to raise awareness of the Math Club, the event was centered around an unbelievably affordable (and delicious) bake sale. But probably equally profitable, and arguably more fun, was the Pie Throw, which allowed students to buy chances to throw pies at their (least? most?) favorite professors. Few pies hit the professors straight in the face; perhaps this explains, or is explained by, the lack of athletic clubs on campus. Half of the proceeds of the Pi Day Event -- over 150 dollars -- were donated to MyHouse, a local nonprofit that works with homeless teenagers.

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New Movies to the Mat-Su College Library

By Michelle Sharpe

Did you miss some movies at the theater last year? Fear not, here are just some of the new titles that the library has acquired this past month:

The Guest (Dan Stevens) Rated: R

A Walk Among the Tombstones (Liam Neeson) Rated: R

Nightcrawler (Jake Gyllenhaal) Rated: R

The Theory of Everything (Eddie Redmayne) Rated: PG-13

John Wick (Keanu Reeves) Rated: R

Whiplash (J. K. Simmons) Rated: R

Big Hero Six Rated: PG

Gone Girl (Ben Affleck) Rated: R

The Railway Man (Colin Firth) Rated: R

These titles are all now available at the library, come on by and check them out!

Midnight Masquerade

For the first time, the college's biannual dance was held in the new Glenn Massay Theater. Even from afar it was an alluring spectacle. The bright, colorful lights illuminating the dance floor had the effect of setting off from the night the largely glass theater. Dance music was audible even from without.

Within, around fifty students -- many but not all of them couples -- danced to pop music new and old on a dancing floor set up in the theater lobby. Dress style was generally formal: for women, dresses; for men, dress pants, dress shirts, ties, and even the occasional gentleman's silken dancing cape. Pure Aloha Cafe catered the event with fare both elegant and delicious.

Much credit goes to the Dance Club for arranging the dance, to Student Government for providing the funding, and to the Theater for agreeing to host the dance.

Feminism: What does it mean at Mat-Su?

By Ryan Foisy

The very mention of the word "feminism" seems to conjure a variety of reactions in the typical college environment. On one hand, the topic ushers in expansive branches of philosophical, socio-cultural, and literary analysis, ripe for discussion between students of all backgrounds. On the other, "feminism" is often considered a controversial subject, depending on political, religious, or ideological standpoints. The range of opinions, even at the mere mention of a complex and dynamic word, often prevents substantial dialogue relating to issues covered under the umbrella of feminism. These issues, however, are often important for students to take into account, and the University of Alaska has seen it fit to have these issues discussed more vigorously.

Put together and sponsored by various student groups, clubs, and Planned Parenthood of Anchorage, a recent panel was held at the UAA campus discussing feminism, women's rights in Alaska, gender and sexual concerns on campus, and LGBTQ-related concerns for both students and Alaska residents. The dialogue was hosted by both students and various educators throughout Anchorage, whom addressed a plethora of issues, as well as several select questions from the audience, as well as information and advice relating to those issues on campus.

While these same issues, including sexual abuse and harassment, STI and STD rates, and the treatment of transgender students, are important to consider on any and all campuses, it can be somewhat difficult to take these issues and apply the same answers to a campus such as the Mat-Su College. With a much smaller student body, as well as different demographics within that body, the students and faculty at Mat-Su have to ask what feminism means in the Valley?

Take the STI and STD rates in Alaska, which a commenter pointed out in the recent panel, are the worst in the country. Not only is the Matanuska-Susitna Borough affected by the spread of sexual disease and infection, but the services and education offered in the Valley are surprisingly low, with only one clinic in Wasilla offering STD screening service. If one wishes to be tested for herpes, or one of several other possible afflictions, they would be forced to go to another town or city, such as Anchorage. This hardly touches on condoms, birth control, or (the controversial world of sexual and reproduction issues) abortion services, which can be a bit more out of reach in Mat-Su.

With Anchorage only a short commute away, it isn't as if the Valley is on the far side of the moon from many services or education opportunities. But with Mat-Su becoming one of the most populous regions of the state, it begs the question of what is to be done in terms of sex and gender-related issues and concerns.

The panel discussed violence and abuse against women (and men as well),

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Sharpe's Summer Movie Guide

By Michelle Sharpe

Greetings fellow cinema enthusiasts! The funnest (Yes. That is a word. Just not a grammatically correct word) movie season is upon us. Summer movie season! Judging from the lineup of movies set to come out this year, we are in for some fun and explosive times in the theaters this year! Here are some movies that I think people should keep an eye out this year.

Avengers: Age of Ultron (May 1)- Kicking off the summer season this year is the long anticipated reteaming of our favorite heroes as they join together to fight against a scary, genocidal android played by the scary Reddington himself, James Spader (*The Blacklist*). *Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Jeremy Renner, and everyone else from previous Marvel movies will resume their roles in this Marvel extravaganza of awesome! Get excited!* Rating: PG-13

Mad Max Fury Road (May 15)- Honestly, I have no idea what this movie is about, but it has Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron and the trailers look AWESOME! It looks violent, gritty, fast paced, and VIOLENT! Who doesn't like post-apocalyptic Australian movies that feature fast cars and scary bad guys? Rating: R

Pitch Perfect 2 (May 15)- Are you not a fan of crazy Australian violence? Fear not, the sequel to the quirky and aca-awesome Pitch Perfect premiers the same weekend and features a crazy Australian a Capella singer. If you're looking for a laugh and for some new songs to get stuck in your head, this will probably be your best bet. Rating: PG-13

Jurassic World (June 12)- Since cloning dinosaurs has always yielded such positive results, the scientists in this movie decided to go one step further and splice some dinosaur DNA with some other sweet and cuddly animals like Cuddle-fish (see what I did there?), snakes (aww), and other animals of similar nature. Throw in Chris Pratt and some adolescent siblings, what's the worst that can happen? Rating: PG-13

Inside Out (June 19)- Pixar's newest movie revolves around the inner workings of a little girl's emotions. That's about all you need to know. It's Pixar. Take your family and you will be sure to have a fun time and will probably get your heartstrings pulled at some point. Rating: Unknown

Terminator Genisys (July 1)- You know, when Arnold said "I'll be back", I don't think anyone thought that he would STILL be coming back as the Terminator over 30 years later. But he is, and he is bringing a whole new cast with him, including: Emilia Clarke (Game of Thrones) as Sarah Connor; Jason Clarke (Zero Dark Thirty) as John Connor; Jai Courtney (Divergent/Insurgent) as Kyle Reese; and will also feature one of my personal favorite actors working today, Byung-hun Lee (Red 2) as a new Terminator. Also appearing will be Oscar winner J.K. Simmons (Whiplash) and the Doctor himself, Matt Smith (Doctor Who) in a mysterious role. The movie sports an impressive cast and will be a reboot to a popular franchise. Here's to hoping that it does not disappoint. Although, I don't see how you can go wrong with time traveling robots with Austrian accents. Rating: Unknown

Magic Mike XxL (July 1)- I suppose that if Terminator is a disappointment, I can drown my sorrows by watching Channing Tatum and a bunch of other ripped actors strip and complain about their lives as exotic dancers for a couple hours. Rating: R

Minions (July 10)- This summer season has surprisingly few family movies coming out this year. But if you absolutely loathe Disney or just loved those annoying little yellow chatterboxes from Despicable Me 1 and 2, then you should probably get excited about this movie. If you are like me and could honestly care less about those aforementioned yellow little ovals of irritation, bad news, you will be seeing and hearing those things EVERYWHERE. Between advertisements and the merchandise and the multitudes of children that surround us, there will be no escape. You might as well get excited for this one too. Rating: PG

Ant-Man (July 17)- Oddly enough, this marvel movie has not been getting a lot of buzz (Pun not intended), but it definitely should be. Despite the lame sounding name of the titular superhero, Ant-Man is one of the most important marvel characters and was actually supposed to be a part of the cinematic universe years ago. With the ever lovable Michael Douglas as Hank Pym (The original Ant-Man/mad scientist) and Paul Rudd as Scott Lang (The Ex-con who will don the Ant-Man suit in the movie), this movie will definitely be interesting for sure and will bring a new tone to the Superhero Genre. Rating: PG-13

Pan (July 24)- Honestly, other than the fact that I know that this will be a reimagining/prequel to the original story of Peter Pan and the fact that it is starring Hugh Jackman as Blackbeard and Garrett Hedlund (Tron: Legacy), I know very little about this movie. However, the tale of Peter Pan always delights the child in everyone and Neverland never fails to enchant young or old, so there is little reason to doubt that this movie will fail to entertain everyone. Rating: Unknown

Fantastic 4 (August 17)- Yet another superhero movie and yet another reboot. Four youths somehow attain some awesome powers and they fight evil in funny suits. If you did not like the camp factor in the original Fantastic 4 and wanted something grittier, you should probably get hyped for this movie. Rating: PG-13

Man from U.N.C.L.E. (August 14)- Personally, I am super-duper excited about this movie! Not only is it a British comedy/spy/action/adventure movie starring Henry Cavill (Man of Steel)and Armie Hammer (The Social Network) and multiple recognizable British stars; this movie is directed by Guy Richie! I love Guy Richie (Sherlock Holmes, Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows, Rock'N'Rolla)! And what better way to close out the summer movie season than with British humor? Rating: PG-13

All in all, it seems like it will be a solid summer movie season. Of course, this is not all that is coming out, but these are some movies that I believe people should look out for or might already be looking forward to. Happy Popcorn Flicking!

Top Fishing Spots In and Around Valley

With summer just around the corner it is time to dust off the fishing roads and tackle boxes in preparation for fishing season. To help I have compiled my ten favorite fishing holes in and around the Mat-Su Valley.

For additional information visit Three Rivers tackle on Knik Goose Bay road, the KTUU fishing Report on Channel Two News or the Alaska Fish and Games sport fishing page for update fishing reports.

Finger Lake
Access/amenities: Public access is limited to Finger Lake State Campground and Recreation area

Available Fish: Arctic char, Arctic grayling, Chinook salmon, and rainbow trout
Last stocked in 2015 with Chinook salmon

Kepler Bradley Lake
Access/amenities: Private Campground with canoe rentals a s well as a State Recreational area
Available Fish: Arctic grayling, rainbow trout
Last stocked in 2015 with Rainbow trout.

Matanuska Lake
Access/amenities: Parking, picnic tables, toilet facilities, a short trail to boat launching dock and handicap accessible fishing dock. Across from Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area
Available Fish: Arctic char, Chinook salmon, and rainbow trout
Last stocked in 2014 with Arctic char.

Canoe Lake
Access/amenities: Parking, toilet facilities and short trail to lake.
Available Fish: Arctic grayling, and Rainbow trout
Last stocked in 2014 with Rainbow Trout

Seventeen Mile Lake
Access/amenities: Public access with parking and boat launch.
Available Fish: Arctic char, Arctic grayling, and rainbow trout
Last stocked with Arctic char in 2014

Knik Lake
Access/amenities: Public access and boat launch
Available Fish: Arctic grayling, Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, and Rainbow trout
Last stocked in 2014 with Chinook salmon

Willow Creek
Access/amenities: Campsites, Parking, Toilets,
Available Fish: Kings June to mid-July, Silvers in August, as well as Pinks and rainbows throughout the summer

Montana Creek
Features: Montana Creek State Recreational Site, Toilets, Parking, Water, Camping, and picnic sites
Available Fishing: Grayling Rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, King salmon, Silver salmon, and Pink salmon

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The Second King: Part Two of Seven

By Brian Conaway

Previously on the Second King:

Bennevon returned to the Mountain backed city of Orma with the expectation of bloodshed. To his relief four families proved loyal and the Caddenlots were appointed the new lords of the city as their reward.

Bennevon

237 B.W.C: ***Before War of Calamities***

From the lofty window of Orma's provided king's chamber, Benn looked out at the eastern portion of the kingdom as it lay snug in its blanket of midnight darkness. Countless other eyes, many white, others red peppered the sky and earth, ready to fade at dawn's first light. The people were resting well tonight, but they would all return, he knew, to whatever was their business as usual. Not him, though. For Benn, another sleepless night was *business as usual.*

He began to pace. Again. The wrath of the dragons had been averted, yes, but there was still much to be done before the kingdom could once again take her place on the world stage. She was to be an example to the others, and thus far she was failing miserably if she had permitted the doctrines of the Colorless to invade while dusk fell on Benn's father. *The dragons have imprisoned the Colorless under the Wild Isles and set a constant watch upon his restraints. How could this have happened?*

His attention shifted to the enormous parchment that occupied a half of the chamber's smooth portion of the wall. The very back wall was jagged; it was the mountains and unfashioned by chisel. The map revealed many of the known kingdoms to scale, omitting the farthest and least inhabited realms in each direction, north, south, west and east.

"Organthia," he whispered hoarsely while his pointed finger hovered over the neighboring kingdom in the western part of the world, separated equally by a chain of civilized islands the size of the East's smallest continent: "Tual."

His mind went back to the traders. They could have simply been anarchists eager to stir up some trouble; fugitives who cheated the noose and instead got the sword. But the king of Organthia—the Highest Sovereign he called himself—had encouraged practices that Silvaren priests deemed unorthodox and with evidence such as that it appeared difficult for Benn to believe his former, and hoped for, theory.

In either case, Benn was not interested in initiating an investigation. *Still, guiltless or not, they belonged to him. I cannot afford outside dangers when Silvara is still so fragile.* He did not like what he had to do, then, but he loved Silvara and he was prepared to do anything in his power to guard her. *I must at the least ensure that further incidents are prevented.* He had no time to visit Organthia; it would take months just getting there. *I shall meet them halfway.*

But his queen would know first.

From the dark drawers at his desk he brought forth a single piece of parchment and an eagles' quill. Barely conscious, he poured his heart out to his wife, all the while imagining her in her dress of white deer fur. She hated the cold, and this season she would hate far more with his absence. *Warm though it is in Tual, I am certain it shall be winter in my heart as well.*

"Loveliest Elenyah,

I am weighed heavily with sorrow. Every moment I think of you and our son, and I worry grievously. We pretend very well, don't we, that our high stone walls keep out the cold? Fortunately, I have been admitted to the Keep on the Peak—I know you would only concede the truth of the reports if it came by my hand—so of my person you need not fret. Nevertheless, I am certain you shall, so I shall not make that a command."

He chuckled to himself. He could see her white teeth flashing at the remark, and her eyes sparkling with laughter.

"I won't return for a long while, my sweet. I plan to return in three months' time from Tual. With hope, I shall be darker when I return to you at the Seat. With love, I place our son, Jeskent as Prince Regent while I am away to discuss some severe matters with the king and his Parliament." Traders and Traitors.

"But of this you can be certain: I will consider your prudence when I am among them, and with hope, hush them with the wisdom of your heart. You know how much I value it. You know my affection. With it I sign: Benne."

He was relieved this was not an official document; if it was he would have to abide by protocol and neglect to sign by her pet name for him. *Three months is far too long for me to be away from her, but Jeskent will take care of her.* He trusted his son of one decade and six years no less than his father had

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FINANCIAL AID FACTS

Hello, my name is Mariana and I am one of the financial aid advisors here at Mat-Su College. It is my job to help you understand the different options available to make college affordable. With so many options out there it can be hard to make informed decisions.

The other day, my son and I were watching a show called Special Agent Oso. Oso, a bear, is sent out to help children with different tasks. He has a computerized buddy named Paw Pilot that helps him with missions. The Paw Pilot sings a song that goes like this, "three special steps, that's all you need, three special steps and you'll succeed.

If we took the song that Paw Pilot sings and we apply it to our mission which is making college affordable it would look a little bit like this:

These easy steps can help you make informed decisions now so that you can enjoy financial security after you have graduated from college. Learning about the financial resources available to you and being able to manage your money for the long term is what we mean by FINANCIAL LITERACY.

When I was in college, I made some costly financial mistakes. For example, I gave up on free money too quickly. I applied for one scholarship and when I didn't get it, I never tried it again, even though scholarships are available to students every year. I didn't research loans, and instead I used a credit card to pay for my tuition, fees, and books, even though the interest rate was higher and I didn't have a plan to pay the bill at the end of the month. I paid a lot of extra money in interest while paying off the credit card debt. During my last year of school, I borrowed a small student loan, which I am close to paying off.

On a positive note, I did save money by working full time and paying for the majority of my classes out-pocket and not matter what happened I always kept my eye on the goal. Honestly, I am proud of my achievement. I was the first one in my family to graduate from college and it has paved the way for my siblings to do the same. They are all making sure that they too can enjoy financial security by working or saving money to pay for college and borrow only what they need.

If you would like to learn more about scholarships, the FAFSA or you would just like to explore the financial aid options available to you, come and see us at Student Services.

Step 1 **Meet with a financial aid advisor before or right after signing up for classes.** A financial aid advisor can help you go over payment options and sources of funding.

Step 2 **Apply for University of Alaska Anchorage/Mat-Su College scholarships.** Scholarships help minimize out of pocket costs and student loan debt.

Step 3 **Meet with an academic advisor regularly.** You can save money and graduate on time by planning your course schedule early!

To learn more about your Financial Aid options by visiting us online at: http://matsu.alaska.edu/office/student-services/financial-aid/ , calling our office at 907-745-9746 to make an appointment, or stop by Student Services in FSM 101 M-Th 8a-6p, F 9a-5p.

Celebrate Mat-Su Birds!

Thursday, April 30 - Listen to international birder Aaron Bowman discuss his Big Year. **7:00 pm Glenn Massay Theater**

Friday, May 1 - Learn about birds on the Mat-Su Campus. **7:30 pm Mat-Su College Cafeteria**

Saturday, May 2 - Join a birding hike guided by local wildlife biologist Herman Griese. **8:00 am meet in front on the Glenn Massay Theater.**

All events are free and open to the public.

Events sponsored by the Mat-Su College chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Budget Cuts and State Taxes

By Ryan Foisy

At the Mat-Su College, state politics or economics can seem somewhat distant. With a more isolated school and community, it can be easy to forget the debates going on in Juneau, or even at the main campus in Anchorage.

Of course, the importance of any state-related action or occurrence should be taken seriously, especially with those that will have effects on the livelihood of the school, or the greater community of Mat-Su.

The threatening possibility of budget cuts has been on the minds of many students and faculty for quite some time. However, with Governor Walker's proposal for state agencies and programs to consider the possibility of 5 to 8% cuts across the board, the possibility has jumped to greater attention.

The good news is that forecasts seem to suggest that cuts may not perhaps be as terrible as they were originally projected.

As all campuses that are a part of the University of Alaska are facing the loss of staff, the closing of facilities, and the diminishment of programs, students and their governing bodies have spent the last several months deciding what it is they value the most and what they might do well without.

According to UAA Advancement, the budget will likely be cut by $18 million, which certainly is a daunting figure, but significantly better than the original $25 million figure.

Various student groups and government officials have succeeded in their appeals to state leg-

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June 2-5 4 Day Workshop with Featured Artist Dean Larson
June 3 Spoken Word Poetry Slam Workshop for High School Students—Trey Josey—2:00 pm
June 4 Presentation by Dean Larson *(free and open to the public)*—7:30 pm
June 5 & 6 3-D Printing Demonstration—Bryan McKimson *(free and open to the public)*
June 6 Spoken Word Poetry Slam—Trey Josey—Performance at 7:30 pm
June 7 Independent Films—4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

June 5 & 6 — Two Day Workshops

Portrait Painting — Carl Abken
Digital Photography Workshop — Jim Frei
Invitation to Drawing — Tom Nixon
Intermediate Watercolor Painting — Vladimir Z.

June 5—Half Day Workshop

Zentangle Basics — Donna Jacobson

June 6 — All Day Workshops

Oil Painting-Cityscapes — Dean Larson
Beginning Watercolor — Don Kolstad
Mixed Media in Watercolor — Jean Shadrach
Mosaic House Sign — Karen Urroz
Monotype Printing with a Pin Press — Garry Kaulitz
Magic of Embossing/Printmaking — Marianne Wieland

June 6 — Half Day Workshops

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Image-Making: Dyed Eggs — Kay Coulson
SoundLab — Liz Barton
Hand Building-Ceramics — Carol Ryan-Aube
Raku Firing Workshop — Sandra Cook
Freestyle Egg Painting Workshop — Kay Coulson
Paint Silk Like a Pro — Gina Murrow
Zentangle Basics — Donna Jacobson

Writing Workshops with Deb Vanasse, Don Rearden, and Julie LaMay

Writers Panel: Is This the Golden Age of Alaskan Writing? — Panel
Poetry: the Mysterious and the Obscure — Julie LaMay
Unleashing the Screenwriter Within — Don Rearden
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NFL Mock Draft 2015

By Sam Ouellette

1. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Top needs: QB, OL, Pick: Jameis Winston, QB Florida St.Despite his off the field issues you cannot deny the talent of Winston and the Bucs need a QB after cutting Josh Mccown.

2. Tennessee Titans (Trade to Philadelphia)
Top needs: S, QB, WRPick: Marcus Mariota QB Oregon Chip Kelley is not afraid of blockbuster trades and will not be able to resist trading up to draft his former QB.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars
Top needs: OL, DT, CBPick: Dante Fowler, OLB FloridaThe best pass-rusher in this draft fits Gus Bradley's defensive scheme and will help the Jag's build their defense.

4. Raiders
Top needs: WR, CB, OTPick: Kevin White, WR West VirginiaThis pick gives Carr a much needed weapon.

5. Washington Redskins
Top needs: OT, DB, LBPick: Vic Beasley, OLB ClemsonAfter losing Brian Orakpo in free agency Beasley will give Washington a strong pass-rush duo.

6. Jets
Top needs: QB, OL, OLBPick: Leonard Williams, DE USC

7. Bears
Top needs: S, OLB, NTPick: Danny Shelton, NT Washington

8. Falcons
Top needs: LB, TE, OLPick: Shane Rey, DE Missouri

9. Giants
Top needs: OL, LB, SPick: Landon Collins, S Alabama

10. Rams
Top needs: OG, WR, CBPick: Amari Cooper, WR Alabama

11. Vikings
Top needs OT, LB, CBPick: Andrus Peat, OT Stanford

12. Browns
Top needs: OL, NT, WRPick: Devante Parker, WR Louisville

13. Saints
Top needs: OG, OLB, TEPick: Bud Dupree, OLB Kentucky

14. Dolphins
Top needs: OG, WR, CB Pick: Traes Wayne, CB Michigan ST.

15. 49ers
Top needs: OL, CB, ILBPick: Brandon Scherff, OG Iowa

16. Texans
Top needs: CB, WR, LBPick: Jalen Collins, CB LSU

17. Chargers
Top needs: OL, LB, RBPick: Todd Gurley, RB Georgia

18. Chiefs
Top needs: WR, CB, OLPick: Cameron Ervin, OL

19. Browns (from Bills)
Top needs: WR, NT, TEPick: Jordan Phillips, NT Oklahoma

20. Eagles (Tennessee via Philadelphia)
Top needs: QB, CB, DLPick: Randy Gregory, OLB Nebraska

21. Bengals
Top needs: ILB, WR, DT Pick: Eddie Goldman, DT Florida St.

22. Steelers
Top needs: CB, OL, SPick: Kevin Johnson, CB Wake Forest

23. Lions
Top needs: DT, CB, OLPick: D.J. Humphries, OT Florida

24. Cardinals
Top needs: LB, CB, DTPick: Eli Harold, OLB

25. Panthers
Top needs: OL, WR, CBPick: T.J. Clemmings, OT Pittsburg

26. Ravens
Top needs: OL, WR, DTPick: Jaelen Strong, WR Arizona ST

27. Cowboys
Top needs: CB, RB, LBPick: Melvin Gordon, RB Wisconsin

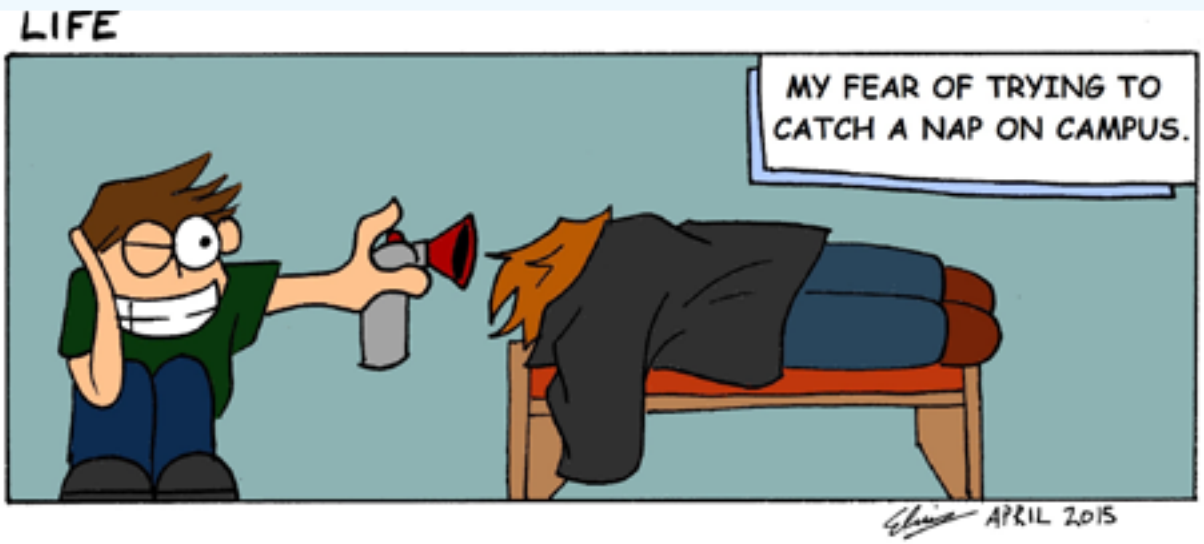
28. Broncos
Top needs: OL, DL, TEPick: La'el Collins, OT LSU

29. Colts
Top needs: SS, OL, ILBPick: Eric Kendricks, ILB UCLA

30. Packers
Top needs: NT, ILB, CBPick: Benardrick McKinney, ILB Mississippi St.

31. Saints
Top needs: DL, OLB, TEPick: Maxx Williams, TE Minnesota

31.Patriots
Top needs: G, CB, DTPick: Arik Armstead, DT



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QB=Quarterback
OL=Offensive line
RB=Running back
OT=Offensive Tackle
WR=Wide Receiver
OG=Offensive Guard
TE=Tight end
DL=Defensive Line
DE=Defensive End
DT=Defensive Tackle
NT= Nose Tackle
LB=Linebacker
OLB=Outside linebacker
ILB= Inside linebacker
S=Safety
CB=Cornerback

Make a Wish! A Dragonball Xenoverse Review

By Dr. Light

Platforms: Xbox 360 (Reviewed) & One, Playstation 3 & 4, Steam
Rating: T for Teen
Release Date: February 27, 2015

If the term Dragonball means something to you, then you must have been a fan of the Japanese cartoon craze Dragonball Z. Since 1989, Dragonball Z has taken the anime and video game genres by storm and while some titles were better received than others, Dragonball Xenoverse hopes to break the mold. This video game allows players and fans to create their own original avatar ranging from fan favorite Saiyans to the alien Frieza race. There are a plethora of options, and players can change their avatar's voice, hair, eyes and skin color, as well as certain forms if the Frieza race is chosen. Each character has its own combos and special outfits and abilities they can use.

Humans can regenerate energy automatically and are well balanced, but don't excel at anything in particular. Saiyans can smash through defenses like butter but run out of energy quicker than the other races. Majins can regenerate health slowly but they have extremely weak defense. The Frieza race is lighting fast but has the least amount of health. Choosing a race is a difficult choice when you weigh the benefits, but they all have their own weaknesses as well, making it easier depending on your playstyle. Players must pick and choose what type they want to play. They can also level up and change these aspects, improving them and turning the base stats on their head entirely. When maxed out in stats, a basic human can be trouble for even a Super Saiyan if the human player knows what he or she is doing.

Players can create their own avatar and join heroes like Goku on an all new adventure.

But creating characters is just the tip of the iceberg. There are millions of collectibles to be found. From outfits to special abilities to Z-Soul power ups and finishing moves, this game will keep fans busy for hours.

The story is pretty straightforward. A mysterious force is causing trouble and damaging the history of the series, so now it's up to the player to help the fan favorite hero Trunks by becoming a member of his Time Patrollers and using scrolls to go to a specific moment in history and defeat the bad guy before he can win. This is actually a bit more complicated than it sounds, but for the most part the story contains the same basic idea. Players can experience some of the best moments in the story, but their avatar also hold importance and will interfere with key events, causing it to change and a new story to take place.

The story and side quests provide a great deal of gameplay for fans, but another aspect of this game also impressed me. My avatar could train with fan favorite characters like Goku and Vegeta to learn all of their important moves and skills. This is a very nice feature to have and it only gives fans even more incentive to buy the game. There are twelve different masters to train with, but they must be unlocked. You can take your master on a side quest with you, and they will grade your performance throughout the quest. Of course, this game wouldn't be Dragonball without the actual Dragon Balls. There are seven of these mystical orange energy orbs for fans to collect and while they are difficult to obtain, the wishes are well worth the long grind.

Besides the story, players can fight each other online or go on side quests (Which escalate in difficulty,) together. This is the 'Xenoverse' of the game. Players can fight each other in one on one, two on two, or three on three battles. There is even an option to have an 'Endless Battle' of sorts, where two players battle it out in front of some spectators, and then the loser is replaced with a player that was watching the battle. Some of the best ways to learn advanced moves is by fighting another player! I have spent some time in this area and have seen some very powerful super attack combinations I never would have seen or heard of offline. Some of them even helped me defeat the final boss!

Players can also go on 'Parallel Quests' to help fix other distortions in time and get better moves and abilities. Can't finish a quest on your own? Don't worry! Just hop online and have other hardened Time Cops replace your hapless computer allies. These side quests are very fun and range from hilarious situations to dark and twisted alternate storylines. The difficulty of each quest is shown and players can move the title card to the left to see what rewards to obtain. Some of the objectives to complete the quest are hidden, so

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generally rising, and the cost of solar and wind systems starting to become more affordable, many are looking at more viable energy options.

Some of the things Masteller teaches in his class are "energy literacy," or knowledge of home energy usage, as well as awareness of how much energy a home actually needs. "Habits don't usually change until the cost changes. If the cost of electricity doubled, then people would change their habits," says Masteller. Having worked for 20 years as a wildlife biologist, he has seen the effects of fossil fuels on the environment. "Energy funnels to everything we do; the cost of energy impacts everything." His goal is to educate individuals on home energy use, teach knowledge of the environment, and also to help students find jobs. Masteller was thrilled when the college said they wanted to add a sustainable energy program and would like to see the classroom numbers increase even more.

The program offers a 16 credit occupational endorsement certificate and has many options within the job sector. Masteller says the certification can be used toward jobs in installation, design, sales, as well as many others. It can also be applied to another degree, such as engineering or construction. "There are lots of paths that a person could go down with this education," he says. "Green building" has become a growth industry and there is now a demand for skilled and knowledgeable installers, Masteller says. He adds that the four green energy companies currently in Alaska are always seeking knowledgeable individuals or companies to do the installation of the wind or solar systems. The companies themselves can and will do the installations, but prefer to subcontract out the work whenever possible. There just aren't enough individuals in the area educated in wind and solar to do this kind of work. Masteller hopes to change that situation. "Every two and a half minutes in the Lower Forty-Eight a new solar system gets installed. This industry is growing like crazy; there's a niche."

Mat-Su College's Sustainable Energy program is only one of two in Alaska, the other being in Dillingham.

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playing with others is your best bet to unlocking them all.

That being said, the game is not perfect. There is no option to change the difficulty, and some of the starting story chapters and bosses will force the player to defend useless computer allies and fight the extremely aggressive enemy boss almost singlehandedly. Luckily, there are a good number of optional side quests that players can complete with friends or on their own that will give out powerful moves and special abilities if all conditions are met. Another issue I had with this game was that the servers were going down every thirty minutes or so and it can be a hassle to get reconnected.

Those were the only notable issues I had with the game. Everything else was fast paced and furious action, which means only good things. Online is lag free and very worth looking into. Fans will love the signature combat, abilities and voices of their favorite characters as they have never come to life like this before.

From the massive waves of content this game offers and the love it gives to Dragonball's rich history, it is all too clear that this game is one giant love letter to fans, thankful for all of loyalty and dedication given to the series since the start. But it isn't just made with longtime fans in mind. Players who are new to this type of game can see what all the fuss is about by picking up this title for their console and experiencing the energy blast flinging craze that is Dragonball Xenoverse. In all, it is a solid game, even if it has its own share of issues. Dragonball Xenoverse is rated T for Teen and is out now for all consoles. It is a worthy addition to any Dragonball fan's library and one title that newcomers should take a look at as well.

Pi Day Event *continued from page 1*

Pi Day has proven that the Math Club, recently restarted, is claiming its former place of preeminence among Mat-Su College clubs. Already this semester the Math Club has run a new activity a

Problem Set of the Week

competition. **Richard Hamlin and Cody Carpenter were this semester's winners.** The problems are available here http://www.math.uaa.alaska.edu/~lgrabarek/pow.html.

For next semester the Math Club is already planning events both big and small, potentially including peer-tutoring, a carnival, and a resurrection of the annual math club Thanksgiving food drive.

Problem 1 - Logic (?)

Sometimes the word "is" can be replaced with the equality sign (=). State in which of the following sentences can this replacement be meaningfully accomplished?

1. The female of the species is more deadly than the male.

2. Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn.

3. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

4. A little learning is a dangerous thing.

5. Knowledge is power, hide it well.

For more information on the problem set competition or upcoming events, or for information on joining the club, you can see the club's billboard across from the library or, when it's ready, the club's page on the college website.

Budget Cuts *continued from page 7*

islators, and while unfortunate losses do remain a consistent consideration, the University has likely cushioned the blows being made.

That being said, this whole scenario has prompted new questions and concerns for state legislators and residents alike, the most important of which relates to the state's funds: what is the future of Alaska's budget? As oil prices have sharply declined over the past months, Alaska has been noticeably affected.

Future cuts will be a likely scenario, even once the cost of oil is raised again, and the state will continue to feel the effects of a struggling international market. Alaska's revenue remains a very important issue, and considering the lack of many exports, the population will likely be quite reliant on oil for the time. How is this important for the University? Besides the importance of student's current and future tax dollars being caught in the middle, many students look forward to a promising career in technology, engineering, or a related field pertaining to Alaska's industry. Could the decline in oil prices produce negative effects for future Alaska workers? Current events seem to suggest so, with the greatest indicator being BP's decision to sell massive assets to Hillcorp this past November.

While the future may still be bright for students in many fields, it's very important to consider the negative implications of today's economic situation for Alaska. Of course, there are many positive prospects for the State's market. Governor Walker recently released news that Alaskan exports are on the rise, with the state exporting over $5 billion in 2014. Seafood and raw mineral ore saw a significant increase, as did private investment and purchase of various rigs in the state to foreign markets. These signs indicate further advancement in Alaska's industry, and may open the doors to future industries in the State.

Further still, the possibility of a state income tax has entered the fold once more. Since being abolished in the 80's, thanks to the growing oil revenue in Alaska, the thought of the tax being reissued has been approached several times. Representative Paul Seaton, and Representative Bryce Edgmon, of Homer and Dillingham respectively, have introduced a bill that would reinstate an income tax on citizens, which would collect 15% of the resident's federal income tax. While the question of whether a measure could or would be passed is still unknown, it has certainly advanced the question of Alaska's budget. How will Alaska face the possibility of declining revenue? Will further cuts be made in the face of a shrinking oil price, or could state taxes be increased to reprimand budget deficiencies? The Mat-Su College is not an island in the midst of a great sea, but is instead a cell in the microcosm that is the state of Alaska. The University students, including those in the Mat-Su Valley, should consider these issues with great care. With so many young and old considering fields here in the state, these issues raise important concerns and questions. How will the future workers at the Mat-Su College cope with declining revenue or the cutting of jobs? What affects will a possible state income tax have on the university? What fields or industries may change if Alaska's oil continues to struggle in the world market? Whatever the cost may be, the decision will continue to be with Alaskan residents. More importantly, Alaskan students must take a notice, and must be aware of their state's industries and policies.

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trusted him. He read his letter to her over once and found it satisfactory with the exception of one detail.

"P.S. When I return to Natill, my love, I do believe a dance is in order."

He folded the crisp letter with finality and set it in an envelope that would accompany the primary documents. Those documents took him hours to finish, as their eloquence had to be underscored so as to prevent any confusion among the lords and stewards. The sun had sat in the sky for two hours when he finished, the muscles in his hand aching from the stiffening cold combined with the tedious scribbling.

He forced his eyes open with glacier water from his sink so he could effectively sign, seal, and stack the parchments, carefully designating their origin and their sincerity. There were many clever forgers in Silvara, but none who could remake letter for letter these lengthy documents and abridge them.

A knock on the door stirred him from his brief slumber.

"Sir Ramar Caddenlot, Your Majesty." The voice of the younger Caddenlot called through the wooden doors.

"Your admittance is granted." He sat up while the knight entered.

"Lord Baraen has asked if you will remain here another fortnight."

"Nay, I will depart on the morrow, but not for the Seat." *Not for home and Elenyah.*

"Where to, then?" the young knight seemed bewildered.

"The queen will make it known when your couriers get these to her," he gestured to the ankle-high stack of papers beside him. "I am bound west, that is all you can know. Have a runner set for the Western Port and arrange for a lone galley to meet me there."

"You are bound for Organthia?"

"Only if it is necessary," Benn answered grimly. He gave Ramar a look that told him that he wouldn't say anymore. He paused from signing his papers and looked out at the banners flying on the parapets.

"It is good to see ravens and not crows flying around Orma's walls." The sigil of House Caddenlot ringed the ramparts of the city.

"Thank you, Your Majesty."

"I see your bannermen have highlighted the purple under its wings since Lord Baraen was assigned his position."

"It is meant only to underscore that very thing, Your Majesty. Purple has always been royal, and so we want Orma to know our merit before her king." *I need loyal, not royal, men.*

"I see. What news of the giants in the Northern Kingdoms?"

"Our last reports sited them at the cliffs of Aermenos. They have not yet charged into our allies' borders."

"As soon as winter hits, they will," Benn remarked. "They know that food will be scarcer and that the Seat of Mariador will be the only safe haven for the Akaii to settle. I intend to visit them myself when autumn arrives. Meantime, have your men flush out all those who conspire against their king. I trust no one else with this task, Sir Ramar; when I return I want to be able to visit the queen without any delay."

THIS FALL: Benn returns to the Seat of the Kingdom from Tual, only to be afflicted by a mysterious dream and a desperate cry for help from the north. With too many questions and too few answers, the Second King strives to understand his place in a design that defies the borders of lands and times.

Feminism *continued from page 2*

noting a recent survey taken by facilities and educators in Alaska which suggested that roughly 50% of women statewide had endured some sort of sexual or physical abuse, some of the highest rates in the country. As various groups in the community, including UA Student Services, pitch together to make changes for women victimized, further routes of communications and assistance are being implemented in trying to prevent rape and sexual abuse. Among them, as noted by a panelist, is STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) Alaska, a mostly-volunteer organization, which provides numerous services for women (and men). Yet, even with the amount of services provided, there is still a surprising lack of support in different scenarios in areas outside of Anchorage (not including Anchorage's much-needed services). In its own context, how does the Mat-Su Valley wish to accommodate the citizens who are victimized?

More importantly, as part of the greater University of Alaska, the Mat-Su College stays attuned to the concerns of all students across the state. Yet, the college will continue to provide services in and of its own concerns. If development isn't considered within the boundaries of the Valley's own demographics and population, it might suggest stagnation for sexual and gender-related education and services.

Finally, how does this relate to feminism?

As sexual issues are raised for the concerned crowd, other topics relating to women, gay or transgendered people, and even male roles in the house or workplace, are sometimes ignored, or perhaps lumped together in congruence. The question of the wage-gap was raised in the panel by an educator, who noted that many may fail to "believe" in the issue of men and women's profits being differentiated, as the issue is often debated and seriously questioned. Either way, the issue stands out as a very important topic for women in school or entering the workforce; are Alaska's women being treated fairly in the workplace?

Additionally, what can be said for the gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer students? These students may finish school or start new careers, only to be treated less than their straight and cisgender peers or coworkers in their own state. Following the failed proposition 5 some years ago, these students or workers in Alaska do not enjoy protection from discrimination in the workplace, because of their sexual or gender orientation. How will these issues be approached in the Valley, or in the Mat-Su College?

When asked about the meaning of the word "feminism", many of the panelists replied similarly. Feminism dealt with the equality of gender and sexual rights in all areas, and the advancement of those displaced because of their gender or sexuality. This more umbrella-like term treats the subject as an important consideration for men, women, non-binary, straight, gay, or asexual people in our society, while forcing the population to recognize the disparities or failings of our culture and institutions in the treatment of one another. Feminism conjures up various ideas and conversations, some which may make many uncomfortable or disgruntled. Yet, no matter one's perspective or ideas, the questions raised by feminists (or allies various causes) require important consideration by all in school or the workplace. The Mat-Su College, and community, must consider the questions and issues raised, and direct them in the best line of interest for her population.

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